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For information, CG T-2, another confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that the above-mentioned attorneys departed the United States for Yugoslavia the week of May 21, 1973, to confer with higher church authorities in the SOC at Belgrade to determine a future course of action in the litigation. stated that he has heard that these attorneys have made preliminary plans to file their own appeal to the decision of the Circuit Court recently rendered by Judge of Lake County, Illinois. CG T-2 advised that the appeal, which declared if filed, will object to the ruling of illegal, and therefore, abolished the three separate dioceses This source also advised that the aboveof the SOC. mentioned attorneys would file the appeal if the "Mother Church" in Belgrade gave its authority.

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For information, the May 26, 1973, meeting was sponsored by the United American Croats, Chicago Chapter, and its leader, Tomica Mesic. This meeting was billed as an information meeting on world affairs with particular emphasis on the situation in Croatia. The guest speakers were Dr. Ibrahim/Dzinicof Washington, D.C., Dr. Stepan Dobicanac of Montreal, Canada, and Tomica/Mesic of Chicago. The theme of all three speeches was achievement of an independent state of Croatia and the importance of the unification of the different Croatian emigre groups in their respective areas throughout the world.

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The second meeting, held June 2, 1973, was sponsored by the Hrvatska Republikanska Stranka (HRS) (Croatian Republican Party) and its local leader Ivica Penavic. The speakers at this meeting were Tihomil Milas, from Toronto, Canada, Milan Jurinjak, of Chicago, and also Ivica Penavic. The primary purpose of this meeting was to raise money for the Croatians currently in jail in Spain for their participation in the hijacking of a Swedish airliner. For information, over \$1,000 was raised and allegedly will be sent to Spain, care of to aid the above-mentioned jailed Croatians.

Penavic, during his speech, exhorted the assembled gathering not to forget that during July of this year would occur the first anniversary of the Bogojno Raid in Bosnia, Yugoslavia, by members of the Hrvatsko Revolutionarno Bratsvo (Croatian Revolutionary Brotherhood) (HRB). Penavic also called for revolutionary activities in Croatia and the support by Croatian emigres of such activity.

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FROM OTHER RESPONSIBLE CRS PEOPLE IN THE U.S. AND CANADA. RECENTLY LEARNED LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN TORONTO, CANADA, JANUARY NINE LAST ADVISING A MASS RALLY OF THE CROATIAN LBERATION FRONT WOULD BE HELD THAT AFTERNOON. DOCTOR BRANIMIR JELIC OF WEST GERMANY WOULD BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER. THE RALLY REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS. THE FIRST SPEAKER. NAME NOT RECALLED. WAS LEFTIST ORIENTED IN THAT HE ADVOCATED SUPPORT OF THE CROATIAN STUDENTS IN ZAGREB. JOSEPH VRBIC WAS THE SECOND SPEAKER AND REPORTEDLY MADE NUMEROUS LAUDATORY REMARKS REGARDING JELIC AND DESCRIBED HOW THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY HAD BETRAYED THE CROATIAN PEOPLE. REPORTEDLY HE URGED THE CROATIAN PEOPLE MUST TAKE ACTION AND STATED THAT MONEY WAS MEEDED FOR THE CROATIAN REVOLUTION. JELIC'S REMARKS WERE SUPPOSEDLY NON-INFLAMMATORY. A COLLECTION WAS HELD FOLLOWING THE SPEECH AND AMOUNTS RANGING UPWARDS TO A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS WERE REPORTEDLY COLLECTED FOR THE CAUSE.

STATED HE HAS NOT HEARD OF THE CROATIAN LIBERATION FRONT (CLF) BEFORE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IT FORMALLY EXISTS. HE BELIEVES THE CLF, LIKE VRBIC'S SPEECH, WAS A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO EXTRACT MONEY FROM THE PEOPLE FOR JELIC BY APPEALING TO THEIR EMOTIONS AND NATIONALISM.

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MAY BE CONSTRUED AS GOOD PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE TITO REGIME BUT
THE CROATIAN EXILES IN THE U S DO NOT TRUST JELIC AND CONSEQUENTLY
WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM OR ANY ORGANIZATION HE
IS BEHIND. THE SOURCES POINTED OUT THAT JELIC MAY HAVE HAD SOME
SUCCESS IN RECRUITING MEMBERS IN CANADA, BUT THERE IS NO
INDICATION THAT HE RECRUITED ANYONE FROM THE U S.

ON SUNDAY, JAN. SIXTEEN LAST AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD IN TORONTO, BUT TO THE BEST OF SOURCES KNOWLEDGE NO ONE FROM THE U S ATTENDED. ALSO, A PUBLIC RALLY WAS HELD IN TORONTO ON AN UNKNOWN DATE WITH ABOUT THREE THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE AS WAS A PUBLIC RALLY HELD ON AN UNKNOWN DATE IN VANCOUVER, B C., WITH ABOUT ONE THOUSAND TO TWO THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE.

MONIES SOLICITED AT THESE RALLIES TOTALED BETWEEN FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH JELIC
REPORTEDLY WAS PERSONALLY CARRYING WITH HIM ON HIS RETURN TO
WEST GERMANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT ANTI- TITO
ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE. SOURCES STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO
INDICATION THAT JELIC IS IN FAVOR OF CARRYING OUT HOSTILE
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ACTIVITES AGAINST ANY OF THE YUGOSLAV ESTABLISHMENTS OR PERSONNEL EITHER IN CANADA OR THE U S. REPORTEDLY, HE IS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES BEING CENTERED IN EUROPE AS OPPOSED TO THE U S OR CANADA.

ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THERE IS NO ACTIVITY PRESENTLY
TAKING PLACE IN THE NY AREA IN SUPPORT OF THE CRC OR DR. JELIC
AND THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST MADE OF ANY CROATIAN EMIGRES FOR
MONIES.

SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE LATEST INFO AVAILABLE REFLECTED THAT

JELIC AS OF JAN. TWO ONE LAST WAS IN VANCOUVER, B C AND UNABLE TO

LEAVE FOR EUROPE BECAUSE OF THE GROUND CONTROLLERS STRIKE IN

CANADA. USMUN BEING ADVISED.

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IN THE PAST FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFO DURING JAN. ONE NINE
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DR. BRANIMIR JELIC OF WEST GERMANY, A WORLD LEADER OF THE DISSIDENT CROATIAN EMIGRES AND THE CURRENT LEADER OF THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE (CNC), ARRIVED IN TORONTO, CANADA, ON OR ABOUT JAN. TEN LAST FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING REFUGE

FROM YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHOM HE FEARED WERE ATTEMPTING

TO ASSASSINATE HIM AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT UPRISINGS IN CROATIAN WHILE IN CANADA, JELIC FORMED A NEW ORGANIZATION KNOWN OF THE RECENT TIME IS ONLY AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THIS NEW ORGANIZATION (OS 221855)

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ARE TO SUPPORT THE DEFENSE OF CROATIAN GOALS IN CROATIA AND TO COMMIT ACTS OF TERRORISM IN YUGOSLAVIA AGAINST THE TITO REGIME. SOURCES STATED THAT THE ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO RECRUIT YOUNG CANADIAN CROATS TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMMITTING HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE YUGOSLAVS.

THESE SOURCES ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO COUNTERPART OF THIS NEW ORGANIZATION IN THE US AND THAT THE CROATIAN EMIGRES IN THE US HAVE MADE AN OPEN DECLARATION OF HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CRC. REPORTEDLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHICAGO GROUP OF CROATIAN EMIGRES INFORMED JELIC THAT THEY WERE "NOT INTERESTED" IN JOINING FORCES WITH EITHER THE NEW ORGANIZATION OR WITH ANY OF THE CROATIAN EMIGRES IN CANADA.

SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE DECLARATION OF HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CRC IS BASED ON TWO FACTORS;

ONE. MOST OF THE EMIGRES IN THE U S ARE NOT SYMPATHIC WITH JELICS POLICIES BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS DURING THE SUMMER OF SEVENTY ONE; TWO. THE CRC WAS CREATED IN CANADA AND THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN CANADIAN CROATS AND U S CROATS. SOURCES STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FORMATION OF THE CRC END PG TWO

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ADVISED THE COUNCIL FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF CROATIA
PLANS TO HOLD MEETINGS IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, FEBRUARY FIVE AND
SIX NEXT. THIS MEETING IS BEING CALLED TO UNITE ALL CROATIANS
AND TO BETTER PRESENT A CROATIAN VIEWPOINT FOR THE PRESS AND
U.S. GOVERNMENT. A MR. FIRST NAME UNKNOWN OF CLEVELAND
IS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND A MR. FIRST NAME UNKNOWN
OF CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK, IS ALSO ASSISTING IN SETTING UP THIS
MEETING.
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ACTIVITIES ADVISED THEY HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE CROATIAN FRONT
NOR THE CROATIAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THEY ADVISED ALL
CROATIAN GROUPS ARE RAISING MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE
CROATIAN UPRISING AND ALSO CONFIRMED A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN
CLEVELAND FEBRUARY FIVE AND SIX NEXT. SOURCES HAD NO
INFORMATION AS TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MONEY THAT IS BEING
COLLECTED.

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IDENTIFY AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF
INTERVIEWING THEM RELATIVE TO THE MEETING AT CLEVELAND FEBRUARY
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